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We've been joined by nearly 10,000 new friends in the three years since we began hosting this event at Independence National Historical Park. Tonight, we are thrilled to welcome you to the family. I hope you enjoy tonight's big-screen operatic block party, and I invite you to fall in love with opera and come out to join us in our city's great opera houses for one of the five new productions in our 40th Anniversary Season.

I invite you to join us on Saturday night to enjoy an open-air broadcast of opening night.

David B. Devan
General Director & President
Opera Philadelphia
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Opera Philadelphia General Director David B. Devan. Photo by Kelly & Massa

YOUR GUIDE TO OPERA ON THE MALL

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SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m.: Gates open
6:00 p.m.: Pre-show with cast & crew interviews
7:00 p.m.: Performance begins
8:30 p.m.: Intermission (15 minutes)
9:45 p.m.: Performance ends

PRE-SHOW ACTIVITIES

- Laugh at the Warner Brothers classic *Rabbit of Seville*
- Share your Instagram photos **#onthemall** with **@operaphila**
- Pose for photos in the **FREE** photobooth
- Liberty Bell Center open until 5 p.m. *Last admittance 4:50 p.m.*

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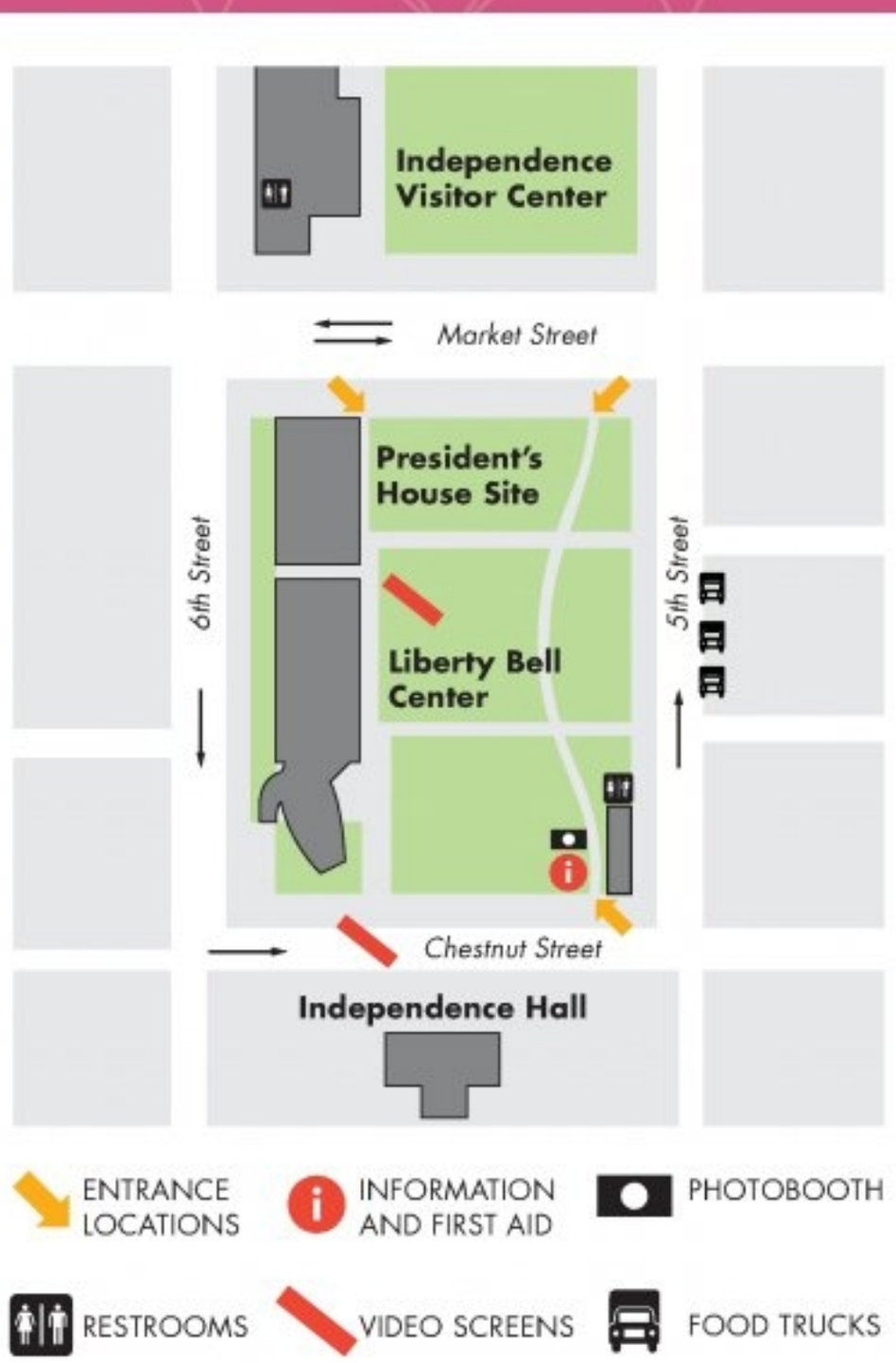

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THE COMIC ACTOR GETS SINCERE WITH A "SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS." PAGE 20

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'Saturday Night Live' turns 40

Television. With "SNL" celebrating a big anniversary this weekend, members of the current cast discuss the pressures of the show with authors Tom Shales and James Andrew Miller in their newly updated book, "Live from New York." PAGE 14

"SNL" cast member Kate McKinnon and this week's host, Chris Pratt, are pictured here shooting promos for Saturday's season premiere show. / DANA EDELSON / NBC

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"A big congratulations to state Senator Daylin Leach on getting his medical marijuana bill through the Pennsylvania Senate. He has fought a truly long, tumultuous battle to get to this point, and I'm sure he hopes to build on this in the years ahead."

Sharon Hill Borough Councilman James Lafferty, on Senate passing a medical marijuana bill

Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'True Detective casting rumors: Ellen Page and Kate Mara as 'Tiny Detectives''

2 'VIDEO: Woman wears fat suit in Tinder date social experiment'

3 'VIDEO: South Carolina trooper shoots unarmed man during traffic stop'

State Representative Brian Sims spoke as hundreds of people rallied at LOVE Park to denounce the recent attack on two gay men in Center City and call for protections for LGBT people in the Pennsylvania hate crime law. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Attack spurs call for hate crime law

LOVE Park. Philly spoke Thursday when hundreds turned out for a rally to change hate crime laws.

Thursday was the birthday of one of the two gay men who were attacked on Sept. 11 in Rittenhouse, in a crime that has attracted national attention.

But the victim, a culinary artist, is unable to enjoy his favorite birthday foods — a steak and some cake — because his jaw is still wired shut, as it will be for the next seven weeks. Plus, he is still eating everything through a straw, according to their friend, Caryn Kunkle.

"They're both still scared to leave the house. There's still 12 people out there that beat the living daylights out of them that aren't in jail," Kunkle said. "Getting your face beaten into the sidewalk and knowing that some of the people that did that are still in your neighborhood is not a good feeling."

Kunkle was at a rally in LOVE Park, organized by Rep. Brian Sims to drum up support for legislation to change Pennsylvania's hate-crime laws to include crimes committed based on sexual orientation.

More than 200 members of the public were in attendance, holding signs and carrying rainbow flags.

Visit **Metro.us** for more about Thursday's rally in LOVE Park.

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"The verbal assault ... was more shocking to them than the doctor coming in and saying, 'We're gonna have to wire your jaw shut now.'" Kunkle

Suspects Philip Williams, 24, Kathryn Knott, 24, and Kevin Harrigan, 26, accused of involvement in the group assault on a gay couple on 16th and Chancellor streets around 10:45 p.m. on Sept 11, turned themselves in Tuesday.

All are charged with aggravated assault, but not hate crimes. The three were released on bail early Thursday.

A hate crime law is necessary, Kunkle said, because the anti-gay intention behind the crime is more disturbing to the victims than the mere violence of the attack.

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"It's going to help overall down the road, but I don't know if it's actually going to stop random acts of hate."

David Reed, 29

"It won't have an immediate impact. Attitudes have to change. The law is the first step in that process. Just like any civil rights movement, it's been piecemeal."

Marlen Dinkins, 71

Come on down. 'The Price Is Right' is looking for Philly contestants

Think you have what it takes to play Plinko?

"The Price Is Right" producers will be holding a contestant search with CBS3 on Friday from noon to 3 p.m. at SugarHouse casino, and two finalists will be chosen to fly to Los Angeles to be part of the audience of an upcoming episode.

One of those two finalists is guaranteed to "come on down" to bid on a prize for a chance to play alongside host Drew Carey.

You must be 18 to try out. Visit www.cbsphilly.com to fill out an application prior to auditioning. There, you can learn official rules. METRO

Drew Carey, host of "The Price Is Right" / FACEBOOK

Riverfront

Last weekend for Spruce Street Harbor Park

Sunday marks the last day for Spruce Street Harbor Park and guests this weekend can take advantage of several events.

On Friday, music is provided by DJ Marty Geez until 10, then until midnight, it's Dan Keller performing. A caricature artist and free photo booth will be available.

On Saturday, Trinidelphia performs from noon to 2 p.m. Then, it's the Philly Tightrope Circus. On Sunday, there's pumpkin-carving, drawing classes, magic displays and more.

The park is open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Visit www.delawareriverwaterfront.com for a full schedule. METRO

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Philadelphia

Two principals cheated

The investigation into cheating in schools yielded charges for two former city public school principals who changed answers on students' standardized tests, officials said.

Arthur "Larry" Melton, 70, of Cherry Hill, and Barbara McCrery, 61, of Philadelphia were both arrested on Thursday. METRO

Pennsylvania

AG: State police chief received porn emails

The current head of police in Pennsylvania was one of the state employees who allegedly sent or received sexually explicit photos from state email accounts over five years, the Inquirer reports. METRO

Anti-war protesters gather at Dilworth

About a dozen anti-war protestors braved the rain for a demonstration in Dilworth Park on Thursday afternoon to denounce the recent U.S. airstrikes in Syria. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Center City. L&I split recommended by post-collapse panel

A year-long investigation by a blue-ribbon panel into the city's Department of Licenses & Inspections following the June 5, 2013, fatal building collapse that killed six and injured 14, has recommended sweeping changes to the agency.

"The building collapse weighs on all of us on a daily basis," Mayor Michael Nutter said, adding that these recommendations are in part to try and prevent such a tragedy from ever occurring again.

Nutter became emotional recalling that one of the dead on June 5 was Anne Bryant, daughter of city treasurer Nancy Winkler, mentioning that he was the one who broke the news to Winkler.

"This has ripped a big hole in my heart," he said. "We never forget what happened, but we have work to do and we have a job to get done."

L&I Commissioner Carlton Williams said the agency's workers shouldn't fear for their jobs.

"L&I employees are diligent and tough and they believe in what they do," he said. "Any time they see recommendations in a report like this it only helps strengthens their resolve to do better."

SAM NEWHOUSE

Recommendations

The panel recommends:

- Splitting L&I into a Department of Buildings and Department of Business Compliance.
- Doubling the number of L&I inspectors to 150
- Hiring a chief safety officer and director of vacant and abandoned properties

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
FRED BEANS HISTORIC USED CAR SALE

Doylestown, PA – Fred Beans, CEO and founder of the Fred Beans Automotive Group located in Doylestown, PA, has announced a **ONE DAY SALE** on Saturday, September 27th at 9:00AM, where pre-owned vehicles will be sold for as low as **$999**. This sale is being held due to overwhelming public demand.

Cars will be clearly marked, so come early for the best selection. This is a **ONE DAY ONLY** sale designed to get the local community driving again.

Fred Beans' pre-owned inventory levels need to be reduced to make room for shipments of new models arriving daily. As a result, **all 8 Fred Beans Doylestown locations are selling these overstocked pre-owned vehicles to the public at drastic discounts in an attempt to clear excess inventory**.

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Fred Beans believes reviving the economy starts at home, and changing things locally will lead to changing things nationally.

In addition to the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships' extra inventory, additional vehicles have been acquired for this sale at incredible prices from various banks, repossession companies, auto auctions, credit unions, lease companies, and rental companies.

The sale will make pre-owned vehicles available for as low as **$999**, prices not normally offered to the general public. According to Fred Beans, ***"We want to give our customers a reason to believe in the local economy again. Someone has to look out for their best interest."***

Customers are encouraged to arrive and register by 8:15AM to inspect the entire inventory and find the car that's right for them. Every vehicle will be cleaned, detailed, and fully prepared for instant delivery. On the evening of September 26th, after the close of business, Mr. Beans and his team will mark the special sale price on each and every vehicle.

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Germantown

Suspect nabbed in shooting

Allen Stokes, 23, of Germantown, has been arrested and charged with attempted criminal homicide, aggravated assault and other related offenses in the shooting of a man outside of a store in West Philadelphia in August.

He shot Edward Lynn, 49, six times, leaving him partially paralyzed, reports say.

Lynn is the husband of a Philadelphia police dispatcher. METRO

Allen Stokes / PPD

Have you seen this albino redtail boa constrictor?

Bella Vista. A pet five-foot snake is slithering around lost and her owner wants it back.

When Lindsay Grow, 30, of Bella Vista, came home from a night out of town last weekend, she was shocked to discover that her pet snake Ripley had escaped its cage.

"I pretty much tore apart my house," Grow said, who has had Ripley for six years since she was a tiny snake, of the discovery.

But then she realized that she had left a window open due to the warm weather — and that Ripley (named after Sigourney Weaver's character from "Alien") had escaped.

"I freaked out and contacted Philadelphia Animal Control ... the PSPCA, posted an ad on Craigslist, posted an ad on Facebook."

Lindsay Grow said she wears her snake, named Ripley, around her neck during walks. / FACEBOOK

Grow said she's received messages from people wishing her well and people saying they have snake phobias and blaming her for frightening them.

"I figured people would be afraid but I didn't care. I just want to get her back," Grow said.

Grow recently papered her neighborhood with wanted fliers. She is hoping Ripley is still nearby.

Ripley also went missing right at the time she usually has her twice-a-month meal of a large mouse, Grow said.

"She's probably pretty hungry and in a bad mood," she said.

But Ripley is not a threat to people, Grow said. "She is too small to kill a cat. She's used to humans."

Grow said snakes are her "passion."

"She's trained to hang around your neck when you're walking, so I take her on walks around the city. I like to try to educate people about animals so that they're not afraid," Grow said.

"She's my spirit animal. I just feel like she's a part of who I am," Grow said. "Animals add so much to our lives. It's really heartbreaking when they leave."

Missing snake

Ripley usually likes to hang out or climb.

- If you have any idea where Ripley is, email Grow at miriclegrow @gmail.com.

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FBI. Islamic militant in Syria beheading videos identified

A masked Islamic State militant seen wielding a knife in videos depicting the beheading of two Americans has been identified, FBI Director James Comey said on Thursday, but he declined to give the person's name or nationality.

A European government source familiar with the investigation said that the accent indicated that the man was from London and likely from a community of Asian immigrants. U.S. officials said the principal investigative work identifying the man was conducted by the British government. REUTERS

Attorney general

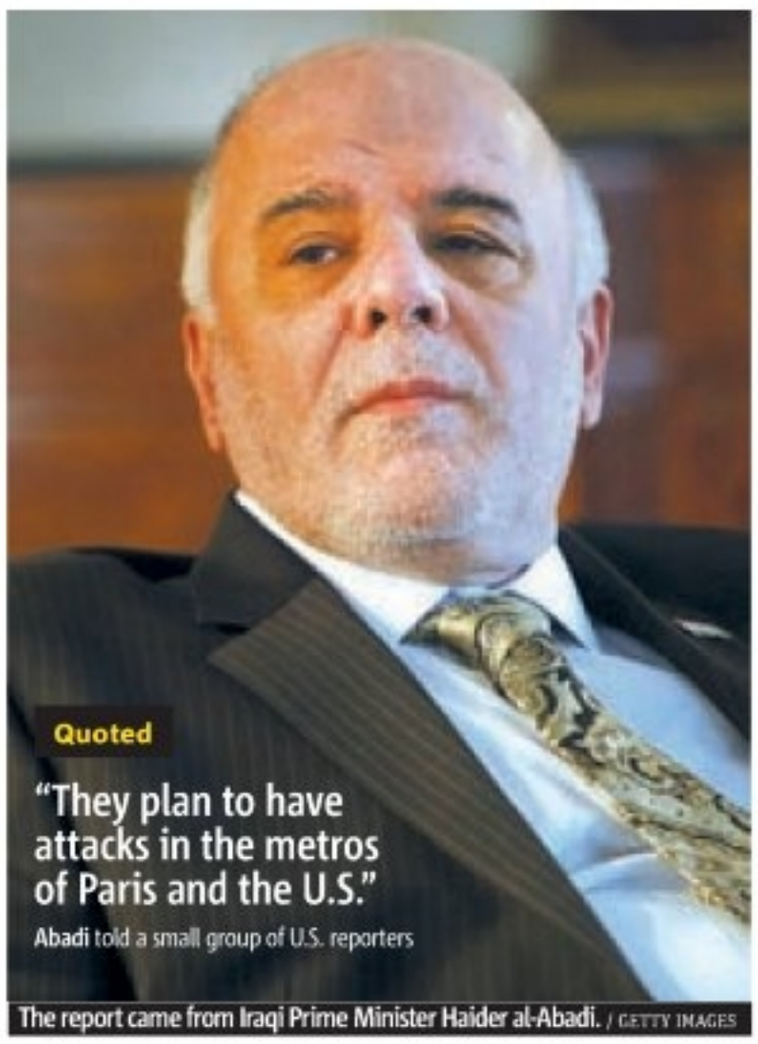
Holder to step down after contentious term

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, an unapologetic liberal voice and one of President Barack Obama's closest allies, announced on Thursday he is stepping down after a term marked by advances in civil rights and frequent battles with Republicans in Congress.

Holder, the nation's first black chief prosecutor, will remain in office until a successor is nominated and confirmed, the Justice Department said.

Holder's departure sets up a potentially tense confirmation battle with Republicans in a lame-duck U.S. Senate session scheduled after the Nov. 4 midterm elections. REUTERS

Iraqi PM says ISIS plans attacks on US subways



The report came from Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. / GETTY IMAGES

No evidence. Haider al-Abadi's comments were met with surprise and skepticism by U.S. security officials.

Iraq has received "credible" intelligence that Islamic State militants plan to attack subway systems in Paris and the United States, Iraq's prime minister said on Thursday, but U.S. and French officials said they had no evidence to back up the claim.

Abadi said he had received the information Thursday morning from militants captured in Iraq and concluded it was credible after asking for further details. The attacks, he said, were plotted from inside Iraq by "networks" of the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL.

"I asked for more credible information. I asked for names. I asked for details, for cities, you know, dates. And from the details I have received, yes, it looks credible," Abadi told a small group of U.S. reporters while in New York for the annual meeting of the U.N. General Assembly.

He did not provide further details. A senior Iraqi official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Iraqi intelligence had uncovered "serious threats" and had shared the info with its allies. REUTERS

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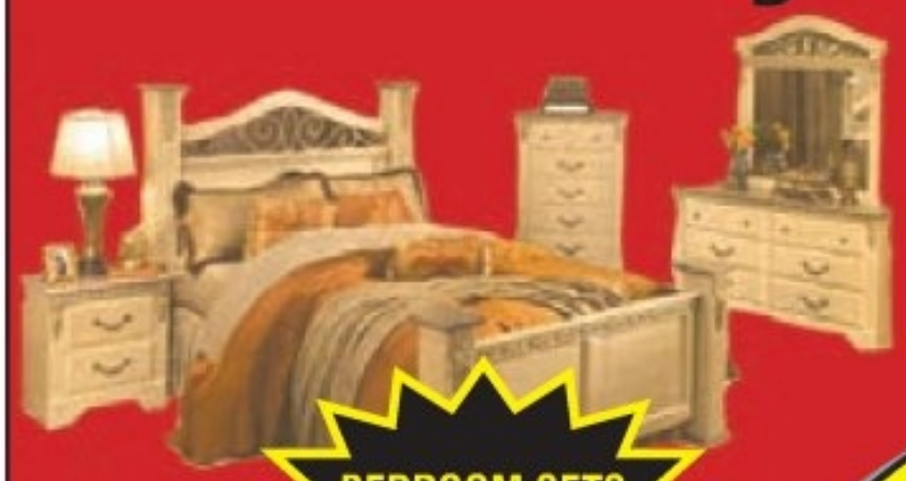

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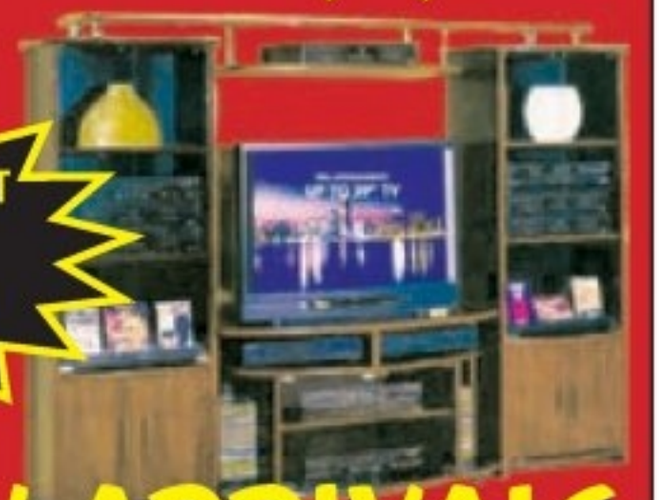

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Tech

Hackers launch attacks exploiting 'Shellshock' bug

Hackers have launched attacks exploiting the newly identified "Shellshock" computer bug, researchers warned on Thursday, as news surfaced that an initial patch for the issue was incomplete, suggesting even updated systems were vulnerable.

The attacks came as security experts scrambled to determine how many systems and what types of computers are vulnerable to "Shellshock," which some say may be as serious as the "Heartbleed" vulnerability that surfaced in April.

"Shellshock" is a bug in a piece of software known as "Bash" that runs the command prompt on many Unix computers, including some Linux servers that run websites, and tiny computers. REUTERS

Apple asks new phone users to reinstall iOS 8

Critics. The new phones also face criticism over their bendability, dubbed "bendgate."

Apple said on Monday it had shipped 10 million units of iPhone 6 and 6 Plus. / GETTY IMAGES

Apple withdrew a faulty update to its latest operating system after some users of its new phones complained of call service disruptions, the latest in a series of glitches to mar the first week of iPhone 6 and 6 Plus sales.

Apple shares slid nearly 4 percent to $97.72 in early trading, to be the biggest drag on the Nasdaq Composite Index. At that price, the stock had lost all its gains since the launch of the latest iPhones and the company's market value declined by $24 billion.

Apple said on its website it was working to prepare iOS 8.0.2 with a fix for the issue and will release it in the next few days.

"I do believe this speaks to execution issues at Apple," said JMP Securities analyst Alex Gauna. "At the end of the day I believe this too shall pass, but we are noting with concern that the miscues pile up." REUTERS

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"We apologize for the great inconvenience experienced by users."

Trudy Muller, Apple spokeswoman said in an email

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Kyle Richards makes a 'Real' health change

Chronic dry eye. The Beverly Hills "Housewives" star talks having fun amid the drama and Season 5.

Kyle Richards, with husband Mauricio Umansky, says the drama is real — but so is the fun. / FILMMAGIC

In the upcoming fifth season of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," fans will see a more confident Kyle Richards.

The actress noticed something was wrong five years ago on the set of the show. "I was constantly turning away from the camera, putting drops in my eyes, then my mascara would run," she says.

Richards, 45, finally sought a diagnosis eight months ago and was told she had chronic dry eye, in which the eyes don't produce enough tears. Besides being necessary for reality TV waterworks, tears reduce the risk of eye infection and keep vision clear, according to the American Optometric Association.

Richards is managing her condition with Restasis and says she's given up her stash of false tears and is focused on real drama. She admits "Real Housewives" takes a toll. "When we're fighting and there's a conflict, it does stress me out and causes a lot of anxiety," she says. The flip side is that the housewives are also friends and share experiences that Richards missed out on, having had her first daughter at 19. "When we do our girls trips, that's fun; I never got to do that kind of stuff."

New to the series next season is soap star Eileen Davidson, but old conflicts haven't been set aside. "There's new relationships and old relationships — either mending or not," she says.

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For the long haul

Kate McKinnon

"In my mind, this is my last job. I am preparing for that being the reality. Obviously, I hope that I have a long career because I would feel bad if I couldn't work. Anything else beyond this would be icing on the cake."

From left, Colin Jost, Cecily Strong and Kate McKinnon bring the laughs on Weekend Update. "Saturday Night Live" premieres on Saturday at 11:30 p.m. on NBC. / DANA EDELSON, NBC

'Icing on the cake'

As "Saturday Night Live" begins its 40th season, we celebrate with choice quotes from the new edition of the "Live From New York" book by James Andrew Miller and Tom Shales. The authors spoke with nearly every living cast member for a 2004 edition, and over the past decade they collected new anecdotes from those same people as well as from many of the current cast members, who we're profiling here. One common thread runs through the narrative: It's intense!

Sasheer Zamata

"I knew there was going to be craziness. My phone blew up when there was news I was auditioning. ... And then when I got it — much more: 300 text messages."

Colin Jost

"There's a lot more anxiety in being the head writer. You feel a responsibility for the show. ... It changes from being a really fun job to being a challenging and stressful job."

Vanessa Bayer

"No matter what the setup of the cast is, people will always have an opinion of what it should be. ... What people think about 'SNL,' they feel a lot of ownership over it. It's like a sports team."

Bobby Moynihan

"I'll stay here as long as they'll have me. This was my dream, and I should be thinking more about the future ... but ... when I walk out this door, I want to be able to say to myself, 'You did what you wanted to do.'"

Kenan Thompson

"I can't even watch the show the same way now. ... It's crazy to imagine your picture at some point in that long line of head shots that we have up there on the wall."

Jay Pharoah

"You'll have a role here that's not really funny — you're being a team player and everything's about being a team player. In everything. That's how people get to the Super Bowl."

Cecily Strong

"Every time I have a meeting with Lorne, I assume I'm getting fired. It's like seeing a doctor and you assume they're going to tell you that you have AIDS, even if it's a dentist."

Aidy Bryant

"People immediately, when you have gone through being on 'SNL,' even for — I've only been here for two years and yet I feel like people within the industry are, like, really impressed by that and take you seriously."

Taran Killam

"My first season or two there was a Huffington Post article that ranked cast members on a weekly basis. They had their own algorithm of screen time — who did what, what is the best sketch — and I was the worst. I was just the worst! It's a dangerous pitfall. With a 40-year history, there's so much to compare yourself to. The shadow grows longer and darker the longer the show goes on. Now we're not just compared to the original '75 cast, we're compared to six generations, versus the people who came before were compared to five."

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Calle 13 just earned nine Latin Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year. They play Merriam Theater on Saturday night.
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Latin hip-hop stars kick off ¡En Vivo!

Grammys. New Kimmel series shows off Calle 13.

The Latin Grammy nominations couldn't have come at a better time for the Kimmel Center. Just days before the acclaimed Puerto Rican hip-hop group Calle 13 kicks off the Kimmel's new Philly ¡En Vivo!, news came that the band, already the most recognized in Latin Grammy history, had chalked up another nine nominations. Lead singer Eduardo "Visitante" Cabra Martinez garnered an additional two for his production work.

Philly ¡En Vivo! was inspired by a program the Kimmel presented in conjunction with the Hispanic Choice Awards last season called, "Songs You Left Behind," in which representatives from several Latino countries told stories and performed songs linked to their homelands.

"I learned a lot about how heritage travels with you and how songs and rhythms can take you right back to a place in your life," Kimmel artistic director Jay Wahl says of last season's "Songs." "¡En Vivo! came out of a desire to take a journey with our city and our audiences."

The series is intended to represent the diverse cultures of Latino people in Philadelphia, Wahl says. It continues in November with legendary East L.A. Chicano rock band Los Lobos.

"Philly ¡En Vivo! is a commitment to present the best music and dance of Latino cultures on our stage. And 'cultures' being plural is really important to me," he says. "We have people who live in Philadelphia from over 20 countries that speak Spanish, and they represent a lot of different sounds in their music, in their rhythms, in their instruments and in their voices."

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"I learned a lot about how heritage travels with you [and] how powerful music is to carry memory." Jay Wahl

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'Multi_Viral'

Who are Calle 13?

Formed in 2004, Calle 13 consists of Visitante, his stepbrother Rene "Residente" Perez Joglar, and their half-sister Ileana "PG-13" Cabra Joglar. They blend hip-hop with influences from rock, reggaeton and Afro-Latin funk to deliver bold political messages.

Their latest album, "Multi_Viral," features guest appearances by Rage Against the Machine guitarist Tom Morello and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, the latter recorded during his asylum-seeking stay at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London.

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COMEDY

'Brooklyn Nine-Nine'

Captain Holt decides the team needs to stay fresh and tries to run the precinct through some practice drills, all of which will go swimmingly, we assume.

SEASON PREMIERE, SUNDAY, 8:30 P.M., FOX

Captain Holt will likely have his work cut out for him as usual on "Brooklyn Nine-Nine."
EDDY CHEN, FOX

DRAMA

'Transparent'

You have to have Amazon Prime to watch this one, but it's fantastic, and stars Jeffrey Tambor as a transgender woman coming out to her adult children. All 10 episodes will be available at once.

SERIES PREMIERE, FRIDAY, AMAZON PRIME

DRAMA

'Once Upon a Time'

If you're familiar with a little global phenomenon called "Frozen," you probably won't be too surprised by the snow monsters popping up this season in Storybrooke.

SEASON PREMIERE, SUNDAY, 8 P.M., ABC

REALITY

'Shark Tank'

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Review

Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader aren't so happy in "The Skeleton Twins." / ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

'The Skeleton Twins'

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Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader go more serious with this dram-edy, in which they play twins who each independently try to kill themselves. Not unlike the siblings of "You Can Count on Me," they reunite in their suburban hometown, where they attempt to finally get themselves together.

The lowdown: "The Skeleton Twins" is an unpleasant piece of work — a movie where our lead characters, already not terribly sympathetic, can't help but ruin the lives of nice innocents and who can't put a finger on why they relentlessly act so selfishly. They're messed up — perhaps more messed-up than the movie lets on. But it doesn't sugarcoat them, even as it understands their pain. They're people who thought that, by dint of being awkward nerds in high school, they would one day rule over the superficial bullies who once tormented them. And they were wrong.

But its bravery is a put-on; it's as scared of dealing with trauma as its protagonists. It keeps retreating: to sour jokes, some of them amusing, some lame; to dumb one-note supporting characters, like their evil New Age mom (Joanna Gleason); and to more "SNL"-level Wiig-Hader shtick, like a YouTube-ready interlude where they lip synch/dance to "Starship." It gets good mileage out of Luke Wilson, as Wiig's unfailingly chipper and oblivious husband, but has no clue what to do with a subplot where Hader (very good in a largely serious role) tries to reignite things with an old lover, who happened to be his English teacher (Ty Burrell) when he was 16. Worst of all, it stupidly ruins a decent "Marley & Me" joke. **MATT PRIGGE**

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Thriller. Denzel is more superhero than everyman avenger

Pop quiz: Which movie in which Denzel Washington kills a lot of people is this from? / SCOTT GARFIELD

Review

'The Equalizer'

Director: Antoine Fuqua

Stars: Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas

Rating: R

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What was once a weekly '80s TV show about a loner (Edward Woodward) helping out those in trouble is now a straight-up vigilante movie for Denzel Washington, where his Special Forces he-man-turned-hardware-store-employee takes on the Russian mob.

The lowdown: Though a movie version of an old show, "The Equalizer" is really more of a remake of another movie where Washington plowed through a powerful crime organization after they hurt a young girl. In 2004's "Man on Fire," it was Dakota Fanning; here, it's Chloe Grace Moretz, as a prostitute for the Russian mob. But where "Fire" was phantasmagorically unpleasant, "The Equalizer" is unnecessarily funereal.

Washington previously teamed with director Antoine Fuqua on "Training Day." The latter seems to think this is "King Lear." It's not. It's a trashy "Death Wish" rip-off in nice clothes. But there's no tension. Washington's avenger is closer to Scarlett Johansson in "Lucy": an untouchable superhero, or at least one who can always find a "MacGyver"-esque way to cauterize a wound. Washington is reliably eccentric, but only hammy Marton Csokas, as an intensely quiet, tattooed psycho mafia enforcer, gets that this is silly. **MATT PRIGGE**

Experimental biopic. There's no Hendrix songs in 'Jimi,' but also very few cliches

Andre Benjamin plays Jimi Hendrix, but not in a rip-roaring, splashy biopic that covers the doomed guitar god's whole life. Instead, this one focuses exclusively on the year he spent in London before he was famous.

Holy crap, Andre Benjamin kind of does look like Jimi Hendrix. / PATRICK REDMOND

Review

'Jimi: All Is by My Side'

Director: John Ridley

Stars: Andre Benjamin, Imogen Poots

Rating: R

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The lowdown: "30 Rock" got a lot of mileage out of a running gag in which Jenna Maroney (Jane Krakowski) was making a Janis Joplin biopic so besieged by troubles and rights issues that it eventually bore no resemblance to the singer herself. "Jimi: All Is by My Side" can sound like the same thing; as with any other attempt to turn his life into a film, it was denied use of his songs by the Hendrix estate. For another, Hendrix is played by an actor almost 15 years older than he was when he died.

Luckily, "All Is by My Side" is more like another kind of biopic: the stripped-down kind that focuses on a narrow slice of its subject's life, treating Hendrix less like an untouchable icon and more like just some guy who happened to be unimaginably talented. In fact, even though it's been made by a respected, recently Oscar-winning screenwriter — "12 Years a Slave"'s John Ridley — it goes out of its way to seem unwritten, sometimes unstructured. Its simple yet pure aim is to explore as much of this underdocumented section of Hendrix's life as it possibly can. In fact, it's structure is so loose that Hendrix himself sometimes seems like a supporting player in the movie of his life, tucked away in tight frames or turning so sullen he seems to disappear. This can be frustrating — the bit where Hendrix turns abusive toward one gal pal (Hayley Atwell) is both a rocker movie cliche and factually incorrect. But it's the kind of fascinatingly open film that allows its most interesting character — Imogen Poots' Linda Keith, the serial rocker girlfriend who discovered Hendrix — to drift in and out of the story, her impact felt even more by her absence. **MATT PRIGGE**

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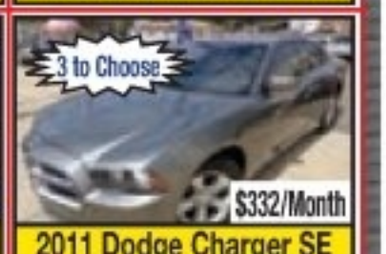

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Q&A
SIMON PEGG ON THE KEY TO HAPPINESS

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The British comedy legend swears his new film is schmaltzy but also a bit sophisticated.

Simon Pegg goes abroad in "Hector and the Search for Happiness," out today. / ED ARAQUEL

Simon Pegg goes all out in "Hector and the Search for Happiness," playing the titular psychiatrist stymied by modern life who embarks on a globe-trotting trip to get in touch with his inner child. To hear Pegg tell it, how you respond to the film says a lot about you.

It's easy to feel like a sap for falling for this.
Well, one person's sap is another person's ... emotionally open person. There's nothing wrong with giving yourself over to something. It's easy to be cynical and dismiss something that's arguably sentimental as being frivolous, but I don't think that's true. I think the message of this film is a little bit more sophisticated than just schmaltz. It's about getting in touch with a childlike wonder and accessing your own happiness through that. If you're fundamentally unhappy, this film will shine quite a bright light on that, whereas if you have a capacity to be happy you'll come out of it going, "Yeah, man!" [Laughs]

At one point, Hector gets very down on his profession of psychiatry because many of his patients treat it as a luxury item, but that's not the whole of that field.
I totally agree that in psychiatry you can help people to address issues that they have that might damage their lives. But at the same time when you don't have to worry about survival, when you don't have to worry about finding your next meal or living through the night, you have time to start thinking about stuff like that. And that's when you start questioning your happiness. There is a certain numbness to modern living for us in affluent society where we have so much choice and we're so looked after, offered so much stuff that's supposed to make us happy that we completely lose sight of what it means. Whereas if you spent yesterday avoiding being shot and you know that today you're not going to get shot, your happiness would be so much more real and identifiable and easier to understand. That's not advocating not getting shot as being a way of being happy, mind you. [Laughs]

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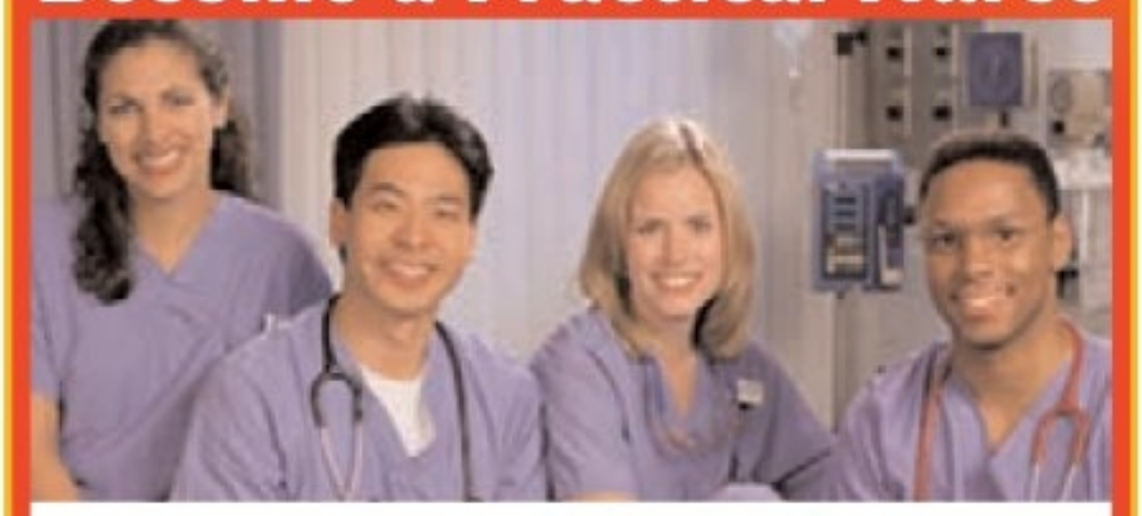

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A boy named Eggs lives among some monsters in "The Boxtrolls." / LAIKA, FOCUS FEATURES

Stop-motion. It's Dickens crossed with a movie about adorable monsters in 'The Boxtrolls'

Laika, the mordant stop-motion animation team that made "Coraline" and "ParaNorman," match Dickens with monsters for their latest, about a hilly English town whose denizens worry about underground trolls, who, of course, are perfectly harmless.

The lowdown: Any stop-motion factory has to be judged against Aardman, the relentlessly clever team responsible for "Wallace and Gromit" (and underrated gems such as "The Pirates! Band of Misfits"). Laika aren't as good, but they are more morbid, nearly as clever and, in the case of "The Boxtrolls," at least as excessively English. The jokes don't come terribly fast in this gloomy number — and sometimes they don't come at all. But the mood is a sustained one, always teetering between dark and funny, with just enough "heart" — that dreaded 'toon requisite — to show it has a pulse without ruining the fun.

In fact, the foundation is sound: It's a social commentary that never turns didactic; a heavy fable that's light on its feet; an all-star animation where every actor is chosen for talent, not his or her name. The trolls — who, yes, wear boxes around their waists — remain babbling cuties on the order of "Despicable Me" minions, while even the villains are adorable — chiefly the head baddie voiced by Ben Kingsley: a lactose-intolerant social climber. The actor speaks in a sing-songy patter that clings to each vowel like butter on an artery lining, ensuring that "The Boxtrolls" is as much fun to listen to as it is to look at — which is to say, very.

MATT PRIGGE

Review

'The Boxtrolls'

Directors: Graham Annable, Anthony Stacchi

Voices of: Ben Kingsley, Elle Fanning

Rating: PG

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What women really want (in a kiss)

Studies have shown that a woman discovers everything she needs to know about a potential lover from the very first kiss, and any guy who has tried to get to first base on a date knows it. Interestingly, it's not just humans who show affection this way. Bonobo chimpanzees kiss on the lips, elephants put their trunks in each other's mouths and foxes lick each other's faces — all as signs of affection.

More than half of all people experience their first real kiss by the time they're 14 years old, but more often than not it isn't the same as our teenage dreams.

As adults, it can't hurt to know a little bit more about the mechanics of kissing. Here are some interesting bits about one of our favorite activities:

• **Kissing is exercise:** When we kiss, our hearts beat faster and our breathing becomes deeper, mimicking the way our bodies react to exercise. If done with passion, a 60-second kiss burns more than 50 calories.

• **Kissing raises self-esteem:** Kissing sends signals to our brain to produce hormones that makes us feel good. And it's no surprise that one kiss leads to another.

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So, what's the secret to a romantic kiss that will knock her proverbial socks off?

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Don'ts

• "Sloppy, wet and all over the place."
• "His tongue all the way down my throat."
• "He shouldn't think that a kiss is the precursor to me giving him oral sex."
• "Don't lick my mouth."
• "What's up with fast jaw movements? I'm not trying to be chewed on."

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Do's

• Start gently. Let your mouth wander, but pay attention to your partner's reactions and act accordingly.
• Light strokes on the cheekbones, neck and back get extra points, as these areas are usually ignored.
• Timing is everything. Start slowly, and stay slow enough to watch for signs that encourage more rapid movement and advances.

What he's into this week

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Lohan is acting again, with usual mixed results

Depending on who you ask, Lindsay Lohan either had a wonderful or terrible first night in her West End stage debut. Previews started this week of David Mamet's "Speed-the-Plow," and the first review, from the Daily Beast, is not kind. "On the first night of previews, a work-in-progress feel is to be expected," Nico Hines writes. "But halfway through the second act of 'Speed-the-Plow,' the audience was openly laughing at Lohan's struggle to grasp Mamet's sharp, trademark dialogue." But a tweet from one of her fans tells a different story. "According to all attendees of ['Speed-the-Plow'], Lindsay Lohan owned her part. As if doubt were plausible," writes Peyton Pittman. I just don't know who to believe anymore.

Maybe Lohan didn't have time to learn her lines because she's too busy pitching new projects. "I was with Tina Fey the other day and I said we should do another 'Mean Girls,' like an older version where they're all housewives and they're all cheating," she recently told Time Out London. "I'll harass Tina to write it." Wait, doesn't Lohan know that there already was a "Mean Girls 2"?

Lohan may have to kiss her stage career goodbye. / GETTY IMAGES

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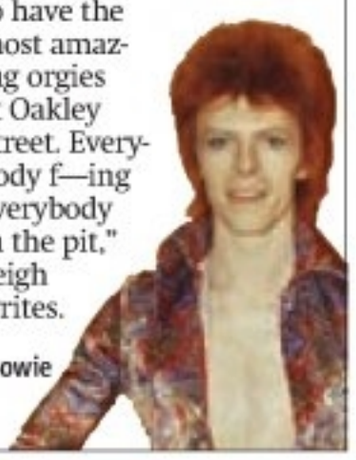
Everyone forgot Mary-Kate Olsen married Sarkozy

Everyone's been so focused on George Clooney getting married that we may have missed Mary-Kate Olsen's wedding altogether. The 28-year-old actress, designer and Wonder Twin was spotted this week in the Hamptons with her fiance, Olivier Sarkozy, both of them sporting what look like gold wedding bands — and the Cartier diamond ring Olsen used to wear was nowhere in sight.

David Bowie used to get it on in a fur-lined pit

Turns out the need to make everything fur-lined in the 1970s was about function as much as form — at least at David Bowie's place. According to a new bio by Wendy Leigh, Bowie and his then-wife, Angela, had a four-foot-deep, fur-lined play area dubbed "the pit" in their London flat, and it was used for some spectacular sex. The Bowies "used to have the most amazing orgies at Oakley Street. Everybody f—ing everybody in the pit," Leigh writes.



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Letters

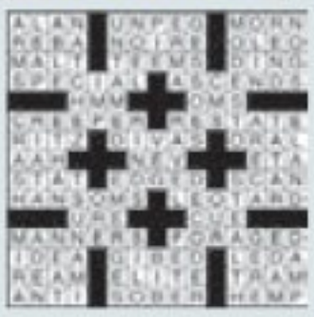
Some real dating advice

Re: 'Learn to craft the perfect online dating message' (Metro.us) I have to say it: Do they give every yokel a book deal now? I've been in a relationship with someone I met on the Internet for almost six years now, we're getting married next month. Literally every single "tip" this girl has suggested is not only something I did not do, it's something I would never do. You want to know how to get drugged, raped, murdered, etc. as fast as possible? Go on a date with someone you've only exchanged one email with. Oh, and I know we live in this crazy technological world, but I think I missed the day when texts became "intimate." And the whole "I like tennis, do you play professionally?" line? Sounds like that 90-year-old guy from the eHarmony commercials has been giving you really bad advice.

My advice? Be yourself, not a badly written Hallmark card. Always meet in a public place — but you should probably talk for more than 30 seconds before you agree to do that. Of course text. Texting isn't intimate unless you're sending naked pics or talking dirty. She's right about not taking it personally — but she neglects to point out you should probably move on because more than likely the person you're trying to talk to is talking to numerous others.

JENNIFER MATRONE, VIA EMAIL

Thursday's answer



HEAR NO EVIL FROM OPPOSITION

Opinion

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Amid the news of air strikes, coffee salutes and elbowing at the U.N. buffet this week, I spotted a headline from Bloomberg View about "partyism" now being the big divider in our society trumping racism, religion or damn-near-anything else. At first I took this as a good thing.

"After all," I told my wife, "wouldn't it be better if we all loved hot wings, cold beer and balloons more than wearing bed sheets and toting torches? I'm going to grab the cooler and some Japanese lanterns from the basement."

"Hold on," Linda said, reading more closely. "It's a different kind of partyism."

Turns out the article was pushing the idea that nothing makes one American more suspicious of another these days than the political flag the "other" flies. A Dem would rather see his daughter marry a fang-bearing creature of the night than a Repub. A Repub would rather see her son whisked away by aliens with probes than carted off to a Dem barbecue. You get the picture.

I'm not sure I buy it even in these hyper-partisan times. And if it is true, I'm not sure I like it. We've been working on our prejudices for so long, I hate to think that a lot of old favorites could be so easily shoved aside for a trendy new hatred.

Still, as I think it over, maybe this could prove handy. "Imagine all the time we can save if we let this type of intolerance run amok," I told Linda. "No more tedious political debates in which you might risk hearing a good idea from the other side. No more hours wasted considering contrary opinions. No more Thanksgiving dinners ruined by crazy cousin Hank and his conspiracy theories."

"Yeah?" she said. "You know we're already kind of approaching our politics that way, and look how it is working out. Gridlock. Mistrust. Frankly, I think if someone doesn't listen to opposing views on a pretty regular basis, they are the very definition of intolerance and ignorance."

She's funny that way. But I'd better be careful. She's starting to make sense.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Horoscope

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Unexpected changes and unforeseen issues will arise. Trying to stick to a schedule will end in frustration. Go with the flow.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Be relentless in your pursuits. You have the know-how to reach your destination. You'll face some objection to your plans, but you are the best judge of what is right for you.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Use your talents and good will to help people in your area who are in need. An association with a charitable agency will bring recognition.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Overconfidence will be your downfall. Keep your plans a secret if you don't want someone to thwart your success. Be wary of anyone who presses you for information.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. It's time to face the music. You have been avoiding an issue in hopes that it will disappear, but that isn't going to happen. You will sleep better once the matter is resolved.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Implement the changes around your home that will improve your life. An unanticipated windfall will come your way.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Stick to your principles, but be mindful of others. Relationship woes can be resolved if you are patient and understanding.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Assess your current situation. It's time to strengthen your skills by attending a course or researching a career that interests you. Set your goal high and do what's necessary to reach it.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Stick with tried and true methods. Your innovative ideas have value, but you will have trouble gaining support if they are considered far-fetched or unreasonable.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. Self-improvement projects should be for your benefit, not someone else's. Be true to yourself and don't try to imitate someone else. Be proud of your originality.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. It's a good time to discuss goals. Seek out the help of someone whose opinion you respect. Once your intentions are divulged, you will be offered help.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't let anyone rush or push you today. You are likely to miss a step and be forced to start all over. An unhurried approach will bring the best results.

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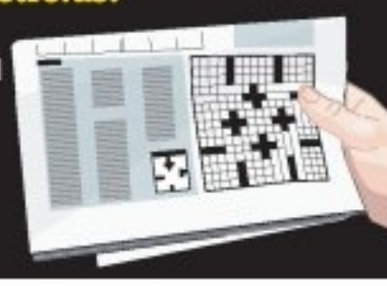

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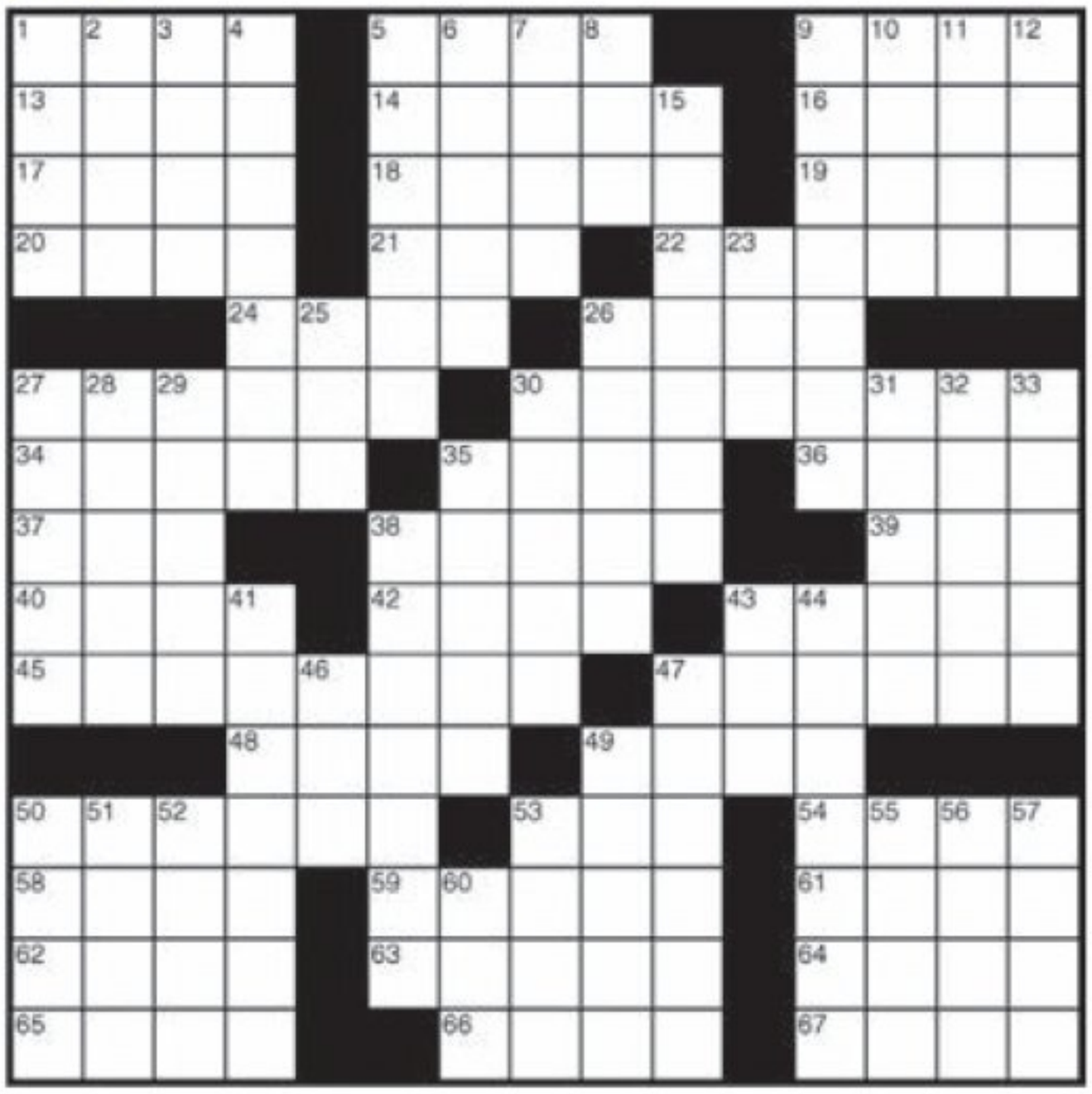

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17 Footnote word
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20 Kind of ranch
21 Connections
22 Rock salt
24 Floating platform
26 Start of a famous boast
27 Heifer
30 Not lavishly
34 Santa — racetrack
35 "B.C." cartoonist
36 Many a loafer
37 "– Miserables"
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3 SPORTS

Added depth

Sixers sign Lee

The Sixers continue to fill out their roster in advance of training camp. The team inked former UCLA guard Malcolm Lee to a deal Thursday. The 6-foot-5 shooting guard was drafted by the Bulls in 2011 but traded to the Timberwolves on draft night. He averaged just 4.0 points per game in 35 games with Minnesota over three seasons.

3 Stories to watch as Eagles meet 49ers

NFL. The Eagles are undefeated, but they've yet to play their best football as they meet San Francisco on Sunday.

It's been nonstop drama, both on the field and off for the Eagles so far this season. They have come back from double-digit deficits three times in a row, and all three times Nick Foles has thrown for over 300 yards.

But their 3-0 record may be deceiving. There are a multitude of weaknesses keeping this team from playing its best football. And also there's been an unrelenting injury bug that has infected the offensive line (Jason Kelce, Evan Mathis and others are out) and the defense (Mychal Kendricks is expected to miss his second straight game).

The Eagles haven't had to play their best to tally their three wins, but in San Francisco at 4 p.m. on Sunday, they might have to.

MCCOY HASN'T GOTTEN ON TRACK THIS SEASON.
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1 Where's the running game?

It might not be that the Eagles can't figure out how to mix in the running game. It could just be that the rest of the NFL would prefer to get beaten by Nick Foles than LeSean McCoy.

Foles has thrown for an NFL-leading 978 yards in three games, while McCoy, one of the top tailbacks in the game, has just 175 yards on 60 carries.

"He's had more carries this year in the first three games than he had last year," head coach Chip Kelly said. "But obviously [not having] the same five guys blocking for him is part of it to do with it. We've got to do a better job in the run game just overall."

The Birds have a tough defensive front to combat with their makeshift offensive line, but they will try as best they can to get the ground game going — if for no other reason, than to keep things from getting too one-dimensional.

2 Prepare for a mobile attack

With Robert Griffin III out last week, the Eagles haven't faced a dual-threat QB like Colin Kaepernick yet. The defense, which has barely done enough to propel the Eagles to victory in the first three games, will really have to be aware of the mobile and strong-armed signal caller.

"Kaepernick has got that running quarterback skillset with a huge arm, so he can throw it vertically, he can make any throw," Eagles defensive coordinator Bill Davis said. "When he extends a down, he's probably at his best — when he's running around like the [Ben] Roethlisbergers of the world."

Kaepernick and the 49ers are a lackluster 1-2. The Eagles can be sure they are motivated to get back to .500 Sunday at their new stadium.

KAEPERNICK HAS AT LEAST 50 YARDS RUSHING IN BACK-TO-BACK GAMES.

VERNON DAVIS SAYS HIS ANKLE "FEELS GREAT."

3 Am I covered?

The Eagles gave up more than 400 yards to the Redskins and Kirk Cousins last week. They have to be better in coverage this week.

"Offensively, they've got a lot of weapons," Kelly said of the 49ers. "They were a little different in this last game. This is the first time they played a lot of five wides to start the game."

With Vernon Davis likely returning, there are a lot of things for the Eagles cornerbacks, safeties and linebackers to be worried about in pass coverage.

"[They have] two really good wide receivers in [Anquan] Bolden and [Michael] Crabtree that can catch the ball," the coach said, "and they're physical receivers and good on the offensive line."

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NFL

Kaepernick with mixed results so far

While the San Francisco defense is still finding its way, much of the workload on offense has been placed upon the shoulders of fourth-year quarterback Colin Kaepernick. For the most part, the former Nevada star has handled himself well as he has posted a QB rating over 100 in two of the Niners' first three games of the season.

In a 28-17 Week 1 win at Dallas, Kaepernick threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns while hitting on 16 of his 23 passes. Last Sunday against the Cardinals, Kaepernick threw for 245 yards and a touchdown while hitting on 29-of-37 passes.

Sandwiched in between those two games was an absolute clunker in San Fran's stadium-opening, 28-20 loss to the Bears in a Week 2 Sunday-night game. Kaepernick's rating was a paltry 57.0 while equaling his career-high with three interceptions.

MATT BURKE

Kelly, Harbaugh share common Pac-12 bond

NFL. The Eagles and 49ers head coaches aren't BFFs, but there's a deep respect between the two.

Jim Harbaugh and the 49ers have suffered through back-to-back losses after stomping Dallas in Week 1. / GETTY IMAGES

Chip Kelly and Jim Harbaugh split their Pac-12 games, 1-1, when they were at Oregon and Stanford respectively.

Since their college days, Harbaugh has led the 49ers to a Super Bowl and Kelly has taken the league by storm in leading the Eagles to an NFC East title his first season in Philly. Sunday will be their first clash in the NFL.

"One thing about Jim, he's won everywhere he's been," Kelly said. "He won when he was a player. He won when he was at the University of San Diego. He won when he was at Stanford. He's obviously been very, very successful with the 49ers. He's a competitor. He's a grinder. He's got a passion for this game, and his teams kind of reflect his personality."

Though the two aren't buddies, or even friends, they do keep tabs on each other.

"I got a chance to visit and watch the 49ers practice when I was at Oregon," Kelly remembered. "So we have a relationship with all the guys. You meet them at league meetings and get a chance to spend time with them in the offseason. But I don't call him during the season or text him or any of those things."

The 49ers have a solid defense, and play with a certain flair, one reflected in Kelly's teams from Oregon to Philadelphia.

The two seem to have sort of a generational connection. Both are 50 years old and relatively young for NFL head coaches. And they both followed a similar path to the big stage, working their way up through the college ranks and eventually the Pac-12.

"I have a great deal of respect for him," Kelly said. "He's a hell of a football coach."

The respect is mutual, as Harbaugh revealed in his press conference Wednesday. He and other NFL coaches always keep an eye on what Kelly is doing in Philadelphia. According to the 49ers coach, it's like facing Oregon again, only a bit more advanced.

"It's evolved," Harbaugh said of Kelly's offensive philosophy. "They've done some great things offensively. I see their fingerprints on the defense as well. You see a progression and consistently good football and great adjustments and sound schematics. Very clever, well-schemed ideas."

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Comeback Birds

The Eagles have made historic, if somewhat dubious, comebacks in their first three games thanks to an impressive total of 74 second-half points.

- The 49ers, meanwhile, have been outscored 52-3 by opponents in the second half.
- San Francisco head coach Jim Harbaugh would certainly like to see his team's play after halftime improve: "That's definitely an area that we're working on getting better at."

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You should be able to swipe Demaryius Thomas from a disgruntled owner right about now. / GETTY IMAGES

Fantasy sports

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In Week 1, Broncos wide receiver Demaryius Thomas got eaten up by elite Colts cornerback Vontae Davis. In Week 3, he went where wideouts go to die: Seattle. Now he has a bye, his owners are 1-2 at best and they're ready to make a deal.

As the season moves along, look for Thomas' role to expand and Emmanuel Sanders' target count to dip some. It's inevitable as the matchups get softer and Peyton Manning feeds one of the league's top pure talents at receiver.

Dougie Fresh

Last Thursday night couldn't have gone much better for Tampa Bay running back Doug Martin even though he was out with a knee injury. Bobby Rainey fumbled twice, averaged less than four yards per carry and the Buccaneers got absolutely blasted by the Falcons. So now Martin returns to a team that needs him badly, and one that is upgrading from journeyman Josh McCown to Mike Glennon at quarterback.

Toby rescued

Quarterback Chad Henne was no threat, so defensive coordinators stacked the box and overwhelmed the Jaguars' bottom-tier offensive line. Blake Bortles is going to change all that because he's strong-armed and aggressive as a downfield thrower. It'll create actual running lanes for Toby Gerhart, who remains a rare three-down and goal-line back.

NFL matchups

Don't start these borderline players in Week 4.

- **Owen Daniels, TE, Ravens** — Dennis Pitta is done for the year, but his role will be filled by committee.
- **Chris Johnson, RB, Jets** — As expected, Chris Ivory is drastically outplaying CJ.

Pickups of the week

The best Week 4 adds:

- **Lorenzo Taliaferro, RB, Ravens:** When Bernard Pierce gets healthy, he'll be on a short leash due to "Zo."
- **Allen Robinson, WR, Jaguars:** Blake Bortles is going to open up this offense. Robinson is his most talented weapon.

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NFL. ESPN suspends Simmons for 'profane tirade' on podcast

Sports media personality Bill Simmons was suspended for three weeks by ESPN this week. / GETTY IMAGES

The contentious relationship that sports media mogul Bill Simmons has with his employer, ESPN, reached a boiling point this week as Simmons dared "The Worldwide Leader" to suspend him for harshly criticizing NFL commissioner Roger Goodell on his BS report podcast. ESPN took on the dare, suspending one of their more well-known personalities for three weeks for not meeting ESPN's "journalistic standards."

Here is what Simmons said to prompt the suspension, according to Mediaite: "Goodell, if he didn't know what was on that tape, he's a liar. I'm just saying it. He is lying. I think that dude is lying. If you put him up on a lie detector test that guy would fail. For all these people to pretend they didn't know is such f— bull—. It really is, it's such f— bull—. And for him to go in that press conference and pretend otherwise, I was so insulted. I really was. … I really hope somebody calls me or emails me and says I'm in trouble for anything I say about Roger Goodell. Because if one person says that to me, I'm going public. You leave me alone. The commissioner's a liar and I get to talk about that on my podcast."

Simmons, who is the editor-in-chief at Grantland .com — a property of ESPN, has been suspended by the network in the past. He was suspended in 2009 for ripping ESPN radio partner WEEI in Boston and was suspended from Twitter last year when he tweeted that a segment on ESPN's First Take program was "awful and embarrassing to everyone involved."

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Simmons suspension

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ESPN personality Bill Simmons, on his BS Report podcast

NBA

Clippers owner wants 'Apple free' climate

New L.A. Clippers owner Steve Ballmer is laying down the law with his new employees. No more iPads, no more fun.

Ballmer, who is the largest individual shareholder of Microsoft, wants the Clippers to be an Apple-free environment.

"Most of the Clippers are on Windows, some of the players and coaches are not," Ballmer told Reuters. "And [coach Doc Rivers] kind of knows that's a project. It's one of the first things he said to me: 'We are probably going to get rid of these iPads, aren't we?'"

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MLB

Phillies wrap up 2014 season against Braves

The Phillies have three tries this weekend at home against Atlanta to top last year's season record of 73-89. Philadelphia had a 72-86 record as of Thursday afternoon.

The Phillies are scheduled to pitch Jerome Williams (6-7, 4.71 ERA) Friday, A.J. Burnett (8-17, 4.57 ERA) on Saturday and Cole Hamels (9-8, 2.47 ERA) in the season finale on Sunday.

Philadelphia will be looking to avoid a third straight year of non-improvement, record-wise, as it finished 81-81 in 2012. METRO

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Help for Hamels has just not been there

MLB. The Phillies ace has every right to be frustrated as the 2014 season comes to a close this weekend.

Cole Hamels has a 9-8 overall record this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Cole Hamels took some heat during the 2009 World Series when he admitted that he couldn't wait for the season to end due to mental fatigue. He'll get a pass if he feels that way in the final days of this particular Phillies season.

King Cole's team once again failed to support him, as he dazzled on the mound yet came up short in Tuesday night's 2-0 loss to the Miami Marlins.

The 30-year-old has been at the peak of his powers this season but has only nine wins to show for it. The Phillies were shut out for the 15th time this season Tuesday night. That's a tough pill to swallow for the best southpaw in the game not named Clayton Kershaw.

"Cole Hamels is about as good as it gets," Yankees third baseman Chase Headley said. "He's as tough as anyone. It's hard to believe how his season has gone. He always gave us fits when I was with the Padres, but you have to score some runs."

Hamels has a 1.89 ERA in the 22 starts he has made since June 1, but the lack of victories underscores Philly's inability to put runs on the board this year.

"They are at a huge deficit," an NL scout said. "They can't score runs, and that's with Marlon Byrd in the lineup. Can you imagine if they didn't sign him? How many runs would they have scored this season? When you pitch for the Phillies, you pretty much have to be perfect because you don't get much support. They got nothing out of left field, little production out of third base and center field. They have holes in the lineup and not much coming up in the farm system that can help. I feel for their pitchers."

Should the Phillies consider moving Hamels in the offseason for some bats?

"Good luck getting value that even approaches what Hamels gives the Phillies," the NL scout said. "There are few true aces and he's one of them. The Phillies have their work cut out for them next season. There's not a whole lot that can help them in free agency. It'll be curious what they do."

By the numbers

1.89

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June 2014 term, No. 3691

Nature of the Action: Quiet title of the premises at 1933 Webster Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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